



## May Newsletter

Dear LT Families,

With today's press release from the province, all HRCE schools will close Tuesday, April 27, and move to at-home learning, April 29.

I would like to thank all the members of the LT school community for their support during these challenging times and I want to recognize our amazing staff (classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and support staff) for their professionalism, dedication, compassion, and support. They are pulling together as a team to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students in the face of challenging circumstances. I am proud of them and our school community.

If families need additional support during At Home Learning, please feel free to reach out to us for support.

Press Release:

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210426002>

## At Home Learning

Here is a link to a summary of what At Home Learning will look like:

[https://www.ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool/files-backtoschool/at-home\\_learning\\_summary\\_en.pdf](https://www.ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool/files-backtoschool/at-home_learning_summary_en.pdf)

### Grades 4 to 6

For students in grades 4 to 6, there will be about 3 hours of school work daily, with up to 1.5 hours of that time online either individually, in small groups or as a class, Students will be provided with a detailed schedule. Some students may have additional time with learning support teachers and other support personnel depending on supports required and Individual Program Plans.

## Calendar of Events

May 21 – PD Day

May 24 – Victoria Day

May 25- June 4 – Grade 8  
Provincial Assessments

June 29 – Assessment  
and Evaluation Day

June 30 – Last Day of  
School

## **Grades 7 to 9**

For students in grades 7 to 9, there will be about 4 hours of school work daily, with up to 2 hours of that time online either individually, in small groups or as a class, Students will be provided with a detailed schedule. Some students may have additional time with learning support teachers and other support personnel depending on supports required and Individual Program Plans.

At Home Learning is scheduled to start Thursday and all students will receive a schedule before then. We will be attempting to follow the regular schedule as close as possible.

## **Attendance**

All students are expected to participate fully in learning at home. Attendance will be taken as normal and we are asking all parents to contact the school if their students will not be attending classes. Teachers will be providing resources that allow students to access their learning outside there scheduled hours through recorded sessions, video links, etc.

## **Assessment**

Student learning will continue to be assessed in all courses and for students with Individual Program Plans (IPPs).

## **Public Health Updated Information**

Public Health has made updates to three COVID-19 guidance documents:

- [Daily COVID-19 Checklist](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Schools](#)

These documents have been updated to:

- reflect the current guidance that all Nova Scotians are strongly encouraged to seek COVID-19 testing if they don't have symptoms or if they only have one mild symptom, particularly if they have a large number of close contacts;
- switch the focus from whether or not testing is required, to whether individuals are required to isolate while awaiting test results; and
- reflect the current changes in travel restrictions.

## **March Students of the Month**

<b>Grade 6</b>	Kayla Specht Sunny Riendeau
<b>Grade 7</b>	Cullen Stewart Zoe Thomander
<b>Grade 8</b>	Mia Chiu Rylan Benoit

### **Monitoring Your Child's Health**

Our shared health is our shared responsibility. We need families to monitor the health of their child(ren) each day before they come to school using the COVID-19 Daily Checklist. A copy of the checklist is attached or you can access it on our website at: <https://ltj.hrce.ca> Please keep your child at home when they are ill, even if their symptoms are mild, and contact 811. We will be removing attendance-based awards or incentives this school year because we do not want students coming to school when they are sick. By monitoring daily, you are doing your part to protect our shared health.

### **Absentism Reporting**

It always important to call the Attendance Line to report an absence. When leaving a message on the attendance line it would be helpful to include the reason for the absences and if it is due to illness, the type of illness.

### **School Counsellor**

Our school counsellor, Ms. MacDonald has returned and she can be reached by phone at (902) 864-6785 ext. 3 or email at [lmacdonald@hrce.ca](mailto:lmacdonald@hrce.ca).